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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT ICRC/LICROSS SITREP
NO. 17 AS OF JANUARY 20, 1976.

QTE PRIMO

FOLLOWING RECENT VISIT VIETNAM BY M. HOCKE, JOINT
DIRECTOR INDOCHINA BUREAU, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL
RAPID AND ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS
ALPHA: FACILITIES BEING GIVEN FOR REPATRIATION STRANDED
FOREIGNERS; NEARLY 1000 ALREADY FLOWN TO PAKISTAN
AND INDIA BY RED CROSS CHARTERED AIRCRAFT;
HOPE TO MOVE BALANCE OF THESE AND OTHER
NATIONAL COMMUNITIES OVER COMING WEEKS/MONTHS;
BOTH RSVN AUTHORITIES AND NATIONA RED CROSS
MOST EFFICIENT AND HELPFUL THIS HUMANITARIAN
OPERATION.

BRAVO: HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM RCRSVN DETAILED
REPORTS OF USE MADE OF RELIEF SUPPLIES SENT
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SINCE APRIL 1975 TOGETHER WITH VERY DETAILED

AND WELL PREPARED PLAN OF ASSISTANCE, LIST
OF REQUIREMENTS AND BUDGET FOR 1976;

CHARLIE: ENTIRELY NEW SPIRIT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN
RCRSVN, RSVN AUTHORITIES AND INTERNATIONAL RED
CROSS NOW BECOMING EVIDENT.

SECUNDO

IN LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND OF URGENT AND
MASSIVE NEEDS OF VICTIMS OF CONFLICT IN VIETNAM,
INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS HAS COMPELLING DUTY TO
MOBILIZE MAXIMUM RESOURCES TO MEET THEM. HAVE SOUGHT
FURTHER CLARIFICATION CERTAIN POINTS BEFORE WE CAN
PUBLISH REPORT AND 1976 PLAN BUT MAIN NEEDS ARE:

ALPHA: RICE, WHEAT, MILK POWDER MOST OF WHICH WE HOPE
OBTAIN FREE FROM EEC;

BRAVO: SPECIAL MEDICINES AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT;

CHARLIE: CHEMICAL PRODUCTS FOR LOCAL MANUFACTURE AND
SUBSEQUENT DISTRIBUTION FINISHED MEDICAL PRODUCTS
UNDER AUSPICES RED CROSS;

DELTA: RAW COTTON FOR LOCAL MANUFACTURE CLOTHING AND
MOSQUITO NETS AND SIMILAR DISTRIBUTION FINISHED
PRODUCTS BY RED CROSS;

NOTE: BOTH CHARLIE AND DELTA SERVE MULTI-PURPOSE
OF SUPPLYING NEEDS; PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT; PRODUCING
FINISHED PRODUCTS AT LOW UNIT COST AND IN FORM LOCALLY
PREFERRED.

ECHO: PRESERVED MEAT;

FOXTROT: CASH FOR LOCAL PURCHASE SAUMURE AND COOKING
UTENSILS; ALSO FOR DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING OF
YOUTH SECTION OF RCRSVN; (IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS
FOR PURCHASE SAUMURE NOT FORTHCOMING THEN
REPLACEMENT BY GIFTS CANNED FISH);

GOLD: A NUMBER OF SPECIAL PROJECTS INCLUDING 4 X 100
BED MEDICAL CENTRES (OF WHICH 3 ARE ALREADY LIKELY
TO BE SPONSORED BY JAPANESE, FRENCH AND SWISS
RED CROSS SOCIETIES); CONSTRUCTION OF AND
EQUIPMENT FOR 100 DISPENSARIES IN NEW SETTLEMENT
AREAS; EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDRENS CONVALESCENT
CENTRE; BLOOD BANK (UNDER STUDY BY JAPANESE RED
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CROSS SOCIETY); MATERIAL FOR MANUFACTURE OF
ARTIFICIAL LIMBS AND GLASS EYES; AUDIO-VISUAL
TRAINING MATERIAL; X-RAY EQUIPMENT, ETC. THE
RCRSVN HAS PARTICULARLY ASKED THAT FOR THE TIME
BEING THE INDOCHINA BUREAU SHOULD HELP THEM BY
COORDINATING THE PROCUREMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF THESE SPECIAL PROJECTS TO SAVE THEM DEALING
WITH NUMBER OF SEPARATE SOCIETIES BILATERALLY.

TOTAL TOTAL COST OF SECUNDO BRAVO TO FOXTROT ESTIMATED BY RCRSVN AT 38 MILLION SWISS FRANCS OF WHICH BELIEVE WE CAN SO FAR CAOUNT ON ABOUT 25 PCT. TOTAL COSTS UNDER GOLF NOT YET KNOWN (EXCEPT FOR 100 DISPENSARIES WHICH ALREADY INCLUDED IN 38 MILLION) BUT LIKELY TO BE SEVERAL MILLIONS.

QUARTO

WE ARE SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN POINTS AND AFTER RECEIPT THIS INFORMATION, FURTHER STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF REPORTS ON DISTRIBUTIONS AND PLAN FOR 1976, HOPE TO BE IN POSITION PUBLISH COMPREHENSIVE REPORT EARLY FEBURARY.

QUINTO

IN VIEW FOREGOING WE HAVE CONVENED MEETING IN GENEVA REPRESENTATIVES DONOR NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES DURING MORNING WEDNESDAY FEBURARY 11 TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL DETAILS. WE ALSO PROPOSE HOLD BRIEFING MEETING FOR

REPRESENTATIVES PERMANENT MISSIONS GENEVA 1700-1800 SAME DAY; ACCORDINGLY WE HAVE THE HONOR TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND OR BE REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING. PLEASE INFORM INDOCHINA BUREAU TEL. 34.60.01 INT. 394 OR TELEX 28171 INSEC CH BY THURSDAY 5 FEBURARY WHETHER AND IF SO BY WHOM YOUR MISSION WILL BE PREPRESENTED.

(SIGNED) J.P. ROBERT-TISSOT, DIRECTOR, RELIEF OPERATIONS BUREAU, LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES AND J.P. HOCKE, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS, JOINT DIRECTORS, INDOCHINA BUREAU. UNQUOTE PHELAN

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